

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order 05-05-12

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February 9, 2012

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
February 11, 2012

Expiration Date: June 30, 2012

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag limit in the State of Alaska winter moose season in a portion of GMU 18. The resident moose season bag limit will increase to two moose Feb. 11-Feb. 29 in the following area:

Unit 18, Lower Yukon Area

Hunters that harvested a moose in the fall 2011 season may harvest one additional moose and hunters that have not harvested a moose may harvest two moose in this portion of GMU 18.

This announcement DOES NOT OPEN the moose season anywhere else in Unit 18. All other moose seasons and bag limits in Unit 18 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (16), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 18.

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 18, Lower Yukon Area,
that portion north and west of
the Kashunak River including
the north bank from the mouth
of the river upstream to the
old village of Chakatolik,
west of a line from Chakatolik

to Mountain Village, and excluding all Yukon River drainages upriver from Mountain Village.

1 antlered bull	Aug. 10–Sept. 30	Sept. 1–Sept. 30
2 moose	Feb. 11–Feb. 29	
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All other moose hunting regulations in the remainder of Unit 18 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Phillip Perry
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game has adopted regulations to increase the bag limit from one to two moose in the Lower Yukon Area of Unit 18.

The moose population in this portion of Unit 18 was estimated at 3300 moose in 2008. Since then, other indicators such as composition and twinning rates suggest that this population is still experiencing rapid growth. Winter harvests in the past 5 years have fluctuated between 30 and 60 moose, with roughly 50% of those being cows and 50% bulls. Additional harvest at this time may help to slow the growth of this population while maintaining a high density and additional hunting opportunity.

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Kalskag, Upper
Kasigluk
Kipnuk

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